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SUBJECT: UNESCO: APRIL 19 GENEVA GROUP MEETING

1. GENEVA GROUP MET ON APRIL 19 TO DISCUSS PAPER RESULTING FROM MARCH 29-30 GG/CL IN GENEVA, AND UNESCO'S BUDGET QUESTIONNAIRE.
2. US PERM REP IN CHAIR SUMMARIZED GG/CL PAPER, SAID THAT NEXT CL MEETING WILL PROBABLY TAKE UP CAPITALS' REACTIONS TO PAPER, AND SUGGESTED THAT UNESCO GG MIGHT AVAIL ITSELF OF THAT OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE ITS FEELINGS KNOWN.
3. GENERAL FEELING ARTICULATED BY MEMBERS PRESENT WAS THAT EXERCISE TO SELL "ZERO GROWTH" BUDGET IDEA TO UNESCO SECRETARIAT WOULD BE ABSOLUTELY FUTILE. AS FRG'S AMBASSADOR PETERSEN POINTED OUT, PROPOSAL WILL MEET WITH FORMIDABLE OPPOSITION BY LARGE MAJORITY UNESCO MEMBER STATES AND IT IS NOT CLEAR THAT EVEN MAJORITY OF GG MEMBERS THEMSELVES SUPPORT SUGGESTIONS EMBODIED IN PAPER.

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4. FURTHER DISCUSSION ON THIS ITEM WAS THEN TABLED UNTIL CAPITALS' VIEWS ARE KNOWN.
5. MEMBERS WERE MORE POSITIVE IN APPROACH TO SECRETARIAT'S BUDGET QUESTIONNAIRE, AND APPROVED PERM REP'S SUGGESTION TO ESTABLISH WORKING GROUP WHICH WILL REVIEW DOCUMENT AND RECOMMEND PROCEDURES AND AREAS FOR

MORE DETAILED EXAMINATION TO FULL GG. AUSTRALIA'S DAVIES WILL CHAIR WORKING GROUP WHICH ALSO INCLUDES PETERSEN FRG, BEAULNE CANADA, AND TOUSSAINT FRANCE. MEMBERS HAVE BEEN ASKED TO SUBMIT THEIR SPECIFIC SUGGESTIONS TO WORKING GROUP WHICH WILL INFORM GG WHEN READY TO REPORT BACK TO FULL GROUP. OBJECTIVE IS TO COORDINATE RESPONSES OF MAJOR CONTRIBUTORS TO MAKE GREATEST POSSIBLE IMPACT.

6. MEMBERS ALSO NOTED THAT THEIR RESPECTIVE NATIONAL COMMISSIONS WERE ALREADY HARD AT WORK ON BUDGET QUESTIONNAIRE, AND THAT GG'S WORK WOULD NEED TO BE HARMONIZED WITH THESE EFFORTS. IT WAS ALSO REPORTED THAT CONSULTATIONS ARE TAKING PLACE BETWEEN NATIONAL COMMISSIONS THEMSELVES WITH AIM TO REACH COMMON APPROACH.

7. SCHEDULING OF FUTURE MEETING WAS LEFT TO DISCRETION OF U.S. CHAIRMAN.
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